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1. On 21 June 1951, a train of an undetermined number of boxcars and flatcars was seen on the Chemnitz (N 51/K 66)-Leipzig line, about 18 km northwest of Chemnitz.

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2. On the evening of 21 June, many trucks were observed arriving from the barracks installations in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf to the Chemnitz-Hilbersdorf railroad station.

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The Hilbersdorf railroad station was cordoned off. Sixteen trucks, with numbers as mentioned, hauled Soviet soldiers to the railroad station after 11 p.m. A minimum of 600 troops were seen at the railroad station. Troops were loaded by three ramps. On 27 June, a railroad man said that troops from the barracks installation in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf were loaded on two trains during the night of 21 June, and that these troops were the same ones who had arrived at the Hilbersdorf railroad station only three or four days before. (2)

3. An engineer unit was quartered on the premises of a factory on Limbacher Strasse, on the western perimeter of Chemnitz. On 27 June, the gate was guarded by soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia. Only a few soldiers were seen in the factory area. (3)

4. On 23 and 26 June, the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse, Chemnitz, still quartered MGB troops. Heavy vehicular traffic was observed.

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On the two days of observation, about 30 soldiers practiced with two heavy AA guns.

5. At 11:30 a.m. on 26 June, the whole complement from the Nachrichten Kaserne and the Artillerie Kaserne, which is adjacent on the east, totaling from 1,200 to 1,300 troops, assembled for roll call in the yard of the Nachrichten Kaserne. The roll call, which lasted until 1 p.m. and seemed to be a swearing-in ceremony, was attended by six officers. The troops were armed with rifles and submachine guns only.

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6. The Fuchsdelle settlement, built by the German Railroad in 1938 and consisting of 30 three-story buildings, was vacated by the German civilians in April 1951. Four of its buildings on Gloesaaer Strasse were reconditioned and fenced. According to local residents, these four buildings housed Soviet personnel, and most of the other buildings housed German miners. (6)

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- (1) [REDACTED] the train carried a component unit of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 6th Gds of the GOFG, which, with the train heading toward Leipzig, probably moved to Wustrow.
- (2) The loading of troops from the barracks installation in Chemnitz-Ebersdorf and the roll call, as reported in paragraph 5, may have been incidental to the replacement of discharges of the 8th Gds Lecz Div by recruits. The 1,200 to 1,300 troops who assembled at the Nachrichten Kaserne were probably recruits. The bulk of the 8th Gds Lecz Div has been at Koenigsbrueck since April 1951.
- (3) This is the first information on an engineer unit on the premises of a factory on Limbachstrasse in the northwest sector of Chemnitz.
- (4) The information on the MGB unit in the Artillerie Kaserne on Lenin Strasse indicates no changes over a report of April 1951 by another source. See [REDACTED] The AA guns are reported for the first time.

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- (6) The evacuation of the Fuchsdelle settlement was reported by two other sources in March 1951. [REDACTED]
- (7) A training camp had also been established in the Zeisigwald in the summer of 1950. [REDACTED]

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